

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 47-76 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-46 having previously been canceled. Claims 77-106 are added. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claims 1-76 (Canceled).

Claim 77 (New). An isolated variant of a parent BLC RP-II protease, comprising a modification at position 144 corresponding to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the variant has RP-II protease activity.

Claim 78 (New). The variant of claim 77, which comprises H144R or D161R,K+H144Q,N.

Claim 79 (New). The variant of claim 77, further comprising a modification at one or more positions selected from the group consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 143, 145, 146, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 194, 199, and 201, wherein each position corresponds to a position of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2

Claim 80 (New). The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 1.

Claim 81 (New). The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 2.

Claim 82 (New). The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 3.

Claim 83 (New). The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 4.

Claim 84 (New). The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 5.

Claim 85 (New). The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 6.

Claim 86 (New). The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 7.

Claim 87 (New).	The variant of claim 86, which comprises a substitution at position 7 with N, S or T.
Claim 88 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 8.
Claim 89 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 143.
Claim 90 (New).	The variant of claim 89, which comprises a substitution at position 143 with R, K or H.
Claim 91 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 145.
Claim 92 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 146.
Claim 93 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 158.
Claim 94 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 159.
Claim 95 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 160.
Claim 96 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 161.
Claim 97 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 162.
Claim 98 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 194.
Claim 99 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 199.
Claim 100 (New).	The variant of claim 79, which comprises a modification at position 201.
Claim 101 (New).	The variant of claim 79, further comprising a modification in at least one position selected from the group consisting of 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88,

89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 141, 142, 153, 154, 155, 156, 158, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 195, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 210, 213, 214, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, and 221.

Claim 102 (New). The variant of claim 79, which has an amino acid sequence which is at least 80% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 103 (New). The variant of claim 79, which has an amino acid sequence which is at least 85% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 104 (New). The variant of claim 79, which has an amino acid sequence which is at least 90% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 105 (New). The variant of claim 79, which has an amino acid sequence which is at least 95% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 106 (New). A detergent composition comprising the variant of claim 79 and a surfactant.